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Louis Parks water supply.

Olson

PCA spokesmen estimated the total cost to Riley to be about 5 and three quarter million dollars. St Louis Park gets a million of that amount for future water service costs, the company has also paid for the constrction of a carbon filtration plant in St Louis Park which will purify water from some of the citys contaminated wells. About 1.7 million will be used to repay the federal governments super fund. money from the super fund was used to start the clean up process. And about one million will go to reimburse the Minnesota super fund. Money spent on invetigation and legal expenses. Minnesota Attorney General Hubert Humphrey the Third.

Humphrey

While we are being reimbursed for substantial state expenses the most important result is the resolution of the drinking water problem here in St Louis Park. The plan will also remove the threat of contamination spreading to water supplies in Hopkins Edina and other nearby communities.

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Minnesota Attorney General Hubert Humphrey the Third. The extent of the contaminated well water caused by the Riley Tar and Chemical Company plant is not completely known . Water in 5 aquafers under St Louis Park appear to contain polynuclear aeromatic hydrocarbons . One of the aquafers supplies water to neighboring Edina and Hopkins. The company has agreed to pay for a 30 year well monitor- ing plan that is designed to reveal problems that may not be e evident now. Pumping of contaminated wells in St Louis Park will

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citizens who believe they have been harmed from sueing. Sally Olson is a St Louis Park resident a state lawmaker and an attorney.

Olson I think its important for people to realize that this is a cleanup agreement, the issues of whether or not people who have received personal injury is still an open question,

Olson any citizens suits that you have heard of.

Olson In this regard none to date. On the other hand one has to realize that when we are dealing with cancer carcinognets and so forth that this is long term in terms of manifistation.

Olson Sally Olson . Riley Tar and Chemical Company Vice President and general counsel Robert Pollick said the Indianapolis based company agreed to the proposed settlement as a way of limiting its future costs.

Pollick And we think in this instance the cost of continuing to litigate costs both to Riley and to the other parties would be substantial and that therefore it is far better if you can come to an agreement with all the other parties to settle a lawsuit and thats what we have done.

Olson Robert Pollick. If all the parties involved Riley Tar and Chemical Company, St Louis Park, the State of Minnesota, the federal government and the courts among others approve the agreement it could solve one of the states most serious contaminated drinking water problems. Riley Tar and Chemicals proposal that it pay the costs helps the state move on other

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More than 15 years ago residents in St Louis Park found out much of their water was contaminated. Tests confirmed that a suspected cancer causing pollutant had seeped into several water wells in the city. A local cresote plant was believed to be the source of the pollution but efforts to clean up the mess have dragged on and on . Until today. Today it was announced that a tentative agreement has been reached to clean up one of the most serious water pollution problems in the state. Dan Olson has our cover story report.

Olson

This 80 acre slice of land between Highway 7 and Minnetonka Boulevard in St Louis Park is mainly green space with athletic fields walkways and pond as haven for some ducks and geese. There are a few apartment buildings on the northern edge . Over 50 years ago between 1918 and 1972 a plant built on this site distilled coal tar and treated poles and railroad ties with cresote. Starting in 1969 and for the next 10 years repeated tests showed the prsence of polynuclear aeromatic hydrocarbons. A carcinogent in laboratory animals and an agent thought to cause cancer in human beings. The stage was set for a protracted legal battle. The announcement of a tentative agreement for a cleanup and payment of costs by Riley Tar and Chemical Corporation came after 2 and a half years of negotiations. Tom Kalitowski is executive director of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. Although it is not yet final we are now one huge step closer to resolving this complex and frustrating problem and restoring St

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Paula Drake

A plan to cleanup contaminated groundwater in St. Louis Park was given final approval yesterday by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. Tom Meersman has the story:

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The opinion according to AMA delegate Dr. Dick Frey is a clarification of a policy most physicians have been prac...

Drake

Well, that's not Tom Meersman. We will have that report for you a little bit later on.

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Paula Drake

A plan to cleanup contaminated groundwater in St. Louis Park was given final approval yesterday by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. With a report, here's Tom Meersman.

Meersman

The PCA Citizens Board voted unanimously to accept what was announced as a tentative settlement on April 11th. The agreement requires Reilly Tar and Chemical to pay one point seven millin dollars to the federal superfund, one million to the state superfund and another million to the city of St. Louis Park. The money will pay for legal costs, investigation, cleanup and monitoring associated with groundwater contamination from Reilly's former coal tar and creosote plant. PCA Executive Director Tom Kalitowski:

Kalitowski

We now feel that we've reached an agreement which guarantees the citizens of St. Louis Park clean water which was our number one priority. We also feel that we have in place the..the kinds of items which will assure us that if there are any futures problems we'll be able to identify them at the earliest state and deal with them successfully.

Meersman

If the agreement is approved as expected by federal officials it will become effective early this summer. I'm Tom Meersman.